



Robin Hood and the Bishop.

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To the Tune of, *Robin Hood and the Stranger.*



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with hey down, down and a down;
And assure I'll to you unfold,
He tell you how Robin Hood serbed & Bishop
When he robb'd him of his Gold.
As it fell out on a Sun-Shining day,
with a hey, &c.
When Phoebus was in his prime;
then Robin Hood, that Archer good,
In north wood spend some time.
And as he walked the forest along,
with a hey, &c.
Some Pastime for to spy,
there was he ware of a proud Bishop,
And all his Company.
O what shall I do, said Robin Hood then?
with a hey, &c.
If the Bishop he doth take me,
no mercy he'll shew, unto me I know,
But hanged shall I be.
Then Robin was stout, and turned him about,
with a hey, &c.
And a little house there he did spy:
and to an Old Wife, for to save his life,
He alond began to cry.

Why, who art thou, said & Old Woman,
with a hey, &c.
Come tell it to me for good,
I am an Out-Lawe, as many do know,
My Name it is Robin Hood.
And sends the Bishop and all his men,
with a hey, &c.
And if that I taken be,
then day and night, he'll work me spight,
And hanged shall I be.
If thou be Robin Hood, then said & Old wife
with a hey, &c.
As thou dost seem to me;
I'll for thee provide, and thee I will hide,
from the Bishop and his Company:
for I remember on Saturday night,
with a hey, &c.
Thou bought me both shoes and hose:
therefore I'll provide, thy person to hide,
And keep thee from the foe.
Then give me soon thy Coat of Gray,
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And take thou my Mantle of Green;
thy Spindle and Twine, unto me resign,
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As when that Robin Hood was thus at=
with hey down down and a down, (rayed
he went straight to his Company,
with his Spindle and Twine, he oft look'd
for the Bishop & his company. (behind,

Who is yonder, quoth Little John,
with a hey down, &c.

That now comes o'er the Lee :
an Arrow at her I will let fly,
So like an Old Witch looks she.

Who hold thy hand, hold thy hand, said Robin
with hey, &c. (then

And what not thy Arrows so keen,
I am Robin Hood, thy Master good,
And quickly it shall be seen.

The Bishop he came to the Old Womens
with hey, &c. (house,

And he called with furious mood,
come let me soon see, and bring unto me,
That Traytor Robin Hood.

The Old Woman he set on a Milk White
with hey, &c. (steed,

Himself on a Dapple Grey,
and for joy he had got Robin Hood,
He went laughing all the way.

But as they were Riding the Forest along
with hey, &c.

The Bishop he chanced for to see,
a hundred heads Saw-men bold,
Stand under the Green-wood tree.

Who is yonder, the Bishop then said,
with hey, &c.

That's ranging within yonder Wood ?
marry saies the old woman, I think it to be
A man call'd Robin Hood.

Why, who art thou, the Bishop he said,
with hey, &c.

Which I have here with me ?

Why I am a woman, thou Cuckoldly Bishop
Lift up my Leg and see.

Then was is me, the Bishop he said,
with hey, &c.

That ever I saw this day, (Kont,
he turned him about, but Robin Hood so
Call'd him and bid him say.

Then Robin took hold of the Bishops Horse,
with hey, &c.

And ty'd him fast to a Tree :
then Little John, smil'd his Master upon,
for joy of his Company.

Robin Hood took his Mantle from's back,
with hey, &c.

And spread it upon the Ground,
and out of the Bishops Portmantle, he
Took told five hundred pound.

Now let him go, saie Robin Hood,
with hey, &c.

Wald Little John that may not be,
for I have a protest he shall sing us a Mass,
Before that he go from me.

Then Robin Hood took the Bishop by the hand
with hey, &c.

And bound him fast to a Tree,
and made him sing a Mass, God-wot,
To him and his Peomanry.

And when they brought him thow the wood
with hey down, down and a down.

And set him on his Dapple Grey,
and gave the Tayl within his hand,
And bade him for Robin Hood pray.